etc., through OSBs. Reservation for various categories as indicated below is also provided:

SC/ST	—	25%
FF	—	5%
PH	—	7½%
DEFENCE	—	7½%
OPEN	—	55%

Steps for early completion of projects under Public Sector Units

6784. SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps taken by Government so far to enforce economy and to evolve the ideal work culture with a view to make them competitive in each of the five big projects under implementation by ONGC and I.O.C. etc. as reported suggested in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 25th April, 1994 captioned "Petroleum PSUs may be urged to enforce economy";

(b) what action Government have taken so far to ensure an early completion of projects concerning oil production in the country in time and avoid their cost escalation indicating growing details of each such project and progress made therein till date particularly in (i) Digboi Refinery Modernisations (ii) Panipat Oil Refinery (iii) Kandla-Bhatinda Project (iv) Catalytic Reformer at Barauni and (v) Neelam Oilfields Project; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to revise the original allocation of the approved outlay of Rs. 26,552 crore for Petroleum such in the Eighth Plan to meet cost escalation and, if so, by when the decision is likely to be taken with reasons therefor and also indicating projects which are under Cabinet's approved at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Opposition to Government's Proposal Decontrol Plan by Private and Joint Sectors

6785. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new refineries proposed in the private and joint sectors, which have already been issued licenses, are threatening to withdraw from the scene if Government go ahead with its decontrol plan;

(b) if so, what are the detailed reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government, under pressure from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), have worked out a plan to decontrol this sector; and

(d) if so, what is the proper justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

बिहार में अनुकंपा के आधार पर आवंटित पेट्रोलियम उत्पाद एजेंसिया

6786. **श्री रामदेव भंडारी:** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) बिहार में वर्ष 1990 से वर्ष 1994 की प्रथम तिमाही तक अनुकंपा के आधार पर आवंटित पेट्रोल पम्प एवं गैस वितरण एजेंसी पाने वालों का नाम, पता तथा स्थान सहित ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) उन्हें एजेंसी देने का कारण क्या है?